

COLLEGE MAN  
IN TRAGIC ACTMurder and Suicide on Smith  
College Campus

## HELEN A. WARDEN SHOT

She Was a Senior at Smith, and the Shooting Was Done by Porter Smith, a Dartmouth Graduate—Were Formerly Engaged.

Northampton, Mass., April 29.—With in the shadow of the walls of Smith college, one of the best known institutions of learning for young women, a terrible tragedy was enacted this forenoon when a senior in the college, Miss Helen A. Warden of Somerville, was shot and fatally injured by Porter Smith of Chicago, a former student of Dartmouth college. Immediately after his act Smith killed himself with one shot from his revolver. The tragedy caused a profound sensation at the college and in this city.

The two were alone at the time of the shooting. They had been engaged last year, but at Christmas time the girl broke the engagement. This morning Smith called at the college and sought his former fiancée. At about nine o'clock they started out for a walk and were seen crossing the campus, earnestly talking. Shortly afterwards many shots were heard from the direction in which they had gone.

When the shooting was investigated, the bodies of Miss Warden and Smith were found lying on the ground and about four feet apart. The girl was still alive but Smith was dead. He had shot five times at close range, three shots taking effect in the temple and two in the back. After doing his terrible act Smith put the gun to his own temple and fired. Death in his case must have been instant. His victim died at 11:30 o'clock.

Miss Warden's wounds were so serious that no hopes of her recovery were entertained from the first. She was the daughter of Frank Warden of Somerville, who is at the head of the firm of Warden, Orth and Hastings, tanners. The family was at once notified and several members of it left Boston immediately for this city.

The young man who committed the act was graduated from Dartmouth college in June, a year ago. He was third baseman on the college ball team two years ago, and was very popular among the students at the Hanover institution.

FATHER OF FIRE  
KILLED HIMSELF

Fred King, Aged 50, of Morrisville, Hanged Himself from a Beam This Morning.

Morrisville, April 29.—Fred King, aged 50 years, committed suicide by hanging this morning, his body being found suspended from a beam in his barn some time after he went away from the house at half past four this morning. Henry Buckler, an aged man, with whom the King family lived, found the body. King had worked for some time at Page's livery house. Recently he had been despondent over his health. The family came here from St. Johnsbury several years ago and went to live with Mr. Buckler at Morrisville Plains to care for him. The suicide leaves a wife and five children.

## TWO BOYS WATCHED.

Alleged to Know About Disappearance of a Letter in Montpelier.

The Montpelier police have two boys, Eugene Jeanquart and Carl Reor, under surveillance in connection with the disappearance of a letter which was mailed at the Montpelier House after being written by Mrs. J. E. Miles to her husband in Butte, Mont. The mail was posted at the hotel in the evening, and Jeanquart who works at the hotel as bell boy delivered the mail at the Central Vermont railroad station. The police got on the track through an alleged confession of the Reor boy who said that seeing the number of stamps on the letter the other boy thought it better to contain money so he opened it only to find there was none. He then threw the letter in the toilet room.

## "DIVINELY INSPIRED."

To Kill His Wife and Cut Her Body Into a Doren Piece.

Boston, April 29.—Following the decision of Judge Stevens that Chester Jordan's story of being divinely inspired to kill his wife and cut her body into twelve pieces like the Levite in the 19th chapter of Judges be told, Dr. William MacDonald of Providence, to whom Jordan told the tale repeated it on the stand today. Jordan said that he was unmoved by the exhibit of his wife's slashed head when he was interviewed in his cell.

## WHOLE VILLAGE MURDERED.

All Inhabitants of Christian Village of Bakdigh Killed by Moslem Mob.

Mersina, April 29.—The Christian village of Bakdigh was completely destroyed by a Moslem mob and nearly all the inhabitants killed. A torch was applied to every building burned. Messages from Hadjin state that the situation is desperate. Christians, four women missionaries, are besieged and have only food enough for a day or two. Murders throughout the province of Adana since the trouble number 38,000.

EX-GOV. HOLBROOK  
DIED AT AGE OF 96

Vermont's "Grand Old Man" and the Oldest "War Governor" in the Country—His Service to the Country.

Brattleboro, April 29.—The Hon. Frederick Holbrook, former governor of Vermont, and the oldest ex-governor in the United States, died yesterday afternoon at 5:40 o'clock at his home, 6 Walnut street, after an illness of three days. He was 96 years old and one of the last of the Civil War executives. The end came peacefully and quietly, the governor lapsing into unconsciousness a few moments before passing away. About his bedside were grouped the members of his family who live in Brattleboro and Dr. H. I. Lawton, head physician at the Brattleboro retreat who has attended him during his illness.

Early in April the aged governor was taken suddenly ill but he rallied from the attack and for the past month had been taking his daily drives about Brattleboro and his electrical treatments at the Brattleboro retreat. A week ago he was again taken ill but as compared with his earlier illness the attack seemed slight. The past three days he had been failing rapidly and yesterday he grew steadily worse. Death was due to extreme old age.

Frederick Holbrook, the youngest of 10 children, was a descendant of one of the oldest families in New England, his first ancestor in this country coming from England to Boston. His father, John Holbrook, was born in Weymouth, Mass., and at the age of 21 came to Newfane, Vt., where he secured employment as a land surveyor. Soon afterward he opened a small country store and after accumulating considerable property he came to Brattleboro, opening a store in this place and afterwards running a line of first bottom boats down the Connecticut river to Hartford, Conn., building up a large business by the exchange of produce.

In 1800 John Holbrook sold his Brattleboro holdings and removed to Warehouses Point, Conn., where Frederick Holbrook, afterwards governor of Vermont, was born February 15, 1813. He received his early education in the Brattleboro schools and at the age of 16 he was sent to the "Berkshire Gymnasium" in Pittsfield, Mass. Soon after his return from school he was elected captain of the Woodford militia company and an awkward company of local young men and bore the title of "Captain" until he became a governor.

When in his 18th year, he went to Boston where he became interested in the book store of Richardson, Lord & Holbrook, and remained two years. He became a member of the Handel and Haydn society and of Lowell Mason's church choir. Upon his return to Brattleboro he was appointed choir leader of the Central Congregational church which position he held for 40 years. He continued to take an active interest in church affairs until his last illness.

In 1849 he was elected to the state Senate. He was president of the Vermont State Agricultural society from its founding in 1850 up to the time he was elected governor in 1861. His first official act was to suggest to the state legislature the policy of paying off half of the state's expenses by direct taxation, and funding the other half in state bonds to be paid by those of another generation. His laws were enacted in conformity with this suggestion.

Personal Adviser of Lincoln. After his election as governor Mr. Holbrook became a close friend and adviser of President Lincoln, and at the latter's personal request he wrote frankly and fully suggesting the best manner of policy and procedure of conducting the Civil War as "plain people" say. It was Governor Holbrook's letter suggesting the calling out of 500,000 men that received one Tuesday morning by the president, as soon as he had read it President Lincoln declared that at last he had secured the solution to the whole difficulty, and he immediately sent Provost Marshal General Draper to Vermont to assist Governor Holbrook in drawing up a petition based on the suggestion, which would be signed by every loyal citizen.

The request was complied with, and after the petition was presented formally to President Lincoln, he issued a call.

## BASKET GIRL CHASED.

Leads Hired Man Through Brattleboro Woods.

Brattleboro, April 29.—Three high school children, Charles S. Herrick, Ernest G. Herrick and Alice Bennett, set out with fish warden Lynde of Dunsmuir yesterday for \$10, a claim which he held against them for trespassing upon his trout brook.

Mr. Lynde's brook is ported, and any person who fishes there is prosecuted. The young people thought that they would outwit Mr. Lynde by standing in the highway while fishing. Mr. Lynde drove them away after informing them that they were liable, but they returned and Mr. Lynde directed his hired man, Harold Blood, to examine their basket to see if their fish were of legal length.

The girl had the basket, and when she started to run Blood followed her. She led him a hard chase through the woods, while Mr. Lynde kept guard over the highway, and when he finally caught her, there were no fish in the basket.

## BIG RUN OF SAP.

Payson Walbridge Thought He Would Wait For Nature—He Was Rewarded.

Cabot, April 29.—While most of the Vermont sugar makers have gathered in their buckets for the season, Payson Walbridge of this place decided to trust to nature a little longer and he kept the buckets up. He was rewarded last night with the biggest run of sap of the season, finding 800 buckets full this morning, and he expects to make about 300 pounds of sugar before he gets through. The frost of Tuesday night, followed by the warming by yesterday's sun, did the business.

VILLAGERS  
FIGHT FIREPeacham Seriously Threatened  
Last Night

## FLAMES START IN STORE

Shortly After the Proprietor, George Esden, Locked Up for the Night, Store, Post Office, House, and Barn Were Destroyed.

Peacham, April 29.—This village was threatened with a heavy fire last night when flames were discovered in the general store of George Esden. The village has no means of fighting fire, and the flames had gained such a headway and other property was so near that the residents were very much afraid of the consequences. But they fell to their work of volunteer fire fighting with a will and stopped the progress of the fire after the store and the house and barn of George Esden, nearby, had been destroyed and three other buildings, including the creamery, had been scorched. The total loss will be about \$10,000.

The flames were discovered in the Esden store between nine and ten o'clock, shortly after Mr. Esden had locked up to go home, and it is thought that an overturned lamp may have been the cause. This building also contained the post office. None of the contents could be saved, and the flames soon spread to the Smith property and had that down in short order. By bringing water from a nearby brook the residents were able to check the flames there although several other buildings were on fire at various times. The contents of the Smith house were about all lost.

The Esden store loss is partially covered with an insurance of \$6,500, while there is very little insurance on the house, barn and contents of Mr. Smith.

## MANY WERE INJURED.

Five Coaches of Boston & Albany R.R. Went Over The Bank Today.

Springfield, Mass., April 29.—The heavy through-express on the Boston & Albany railroad, leaving here at 7:45 was wrecked about North Barre today. Five coaches went over the bank, and many persons were injured. A special train bearing surgeons was sent on from this city.

## MILLION-DOLLAR FIRE.

Wipes Out Grain Elevator and Kills One Fireman in Chicago.

Chicago, April 29.—A fire in grain elevator B of the Illinois Central railroad this morning caused a loss of \$1,000,000. One fireman is missing, and four others were seriously hurt.

## A BRILLIANT RECITAL.

On Russian Music by A. W. Salmon at Goddard Last Night.

The recital hall at Goddard seminary was filled with a large and appreciative audience last evening, the occasion being a program of Russian music rendered by Mr. Alvin Salmon of Boston. Mr. Salmon has traveled extensively and had met several of the composers, whose music he played last night.

Before beginning the program he gave a very interesting and instructive talk on the development of Russian music. He told of the existing conditions in Russia at the present time and read a short extract from the catechism of the Russian church, illustrating the extreme subjection of the people. He also summarized the growth of the "New Russian school" of music through the last two centuries. Before playing each group of selections, Mr. Salmon spoke of the composer represented.

There were some changes in the program, as printed, the last number in the first group being, instead of the Caspian, a composition based upon two Cossack themes, the first of war, the second of love. This was a very brilliant and effective selection. The first movement of the Sonata was omitted, and also the first two selections in the last group. Instead of the Berceuse by Cui, Mr. Salmon played another cradle-song, written by a Russian nobleman, a serf-owner.

Mr. Salmon's playing is both brilliant and artistic, and the evening was not only very enjoyable, but the knowledge imparted was most valuable to all, especially to those interested in music as an art.

## ALLEGED ELOPERS.

Are Held at Manchester, N. H., For State's Attorney Gates.

Deputy Sheriff Lawson of Montpelier went today to Manchester, N. H., to get Charles Hurlburd and Mrs. Addie Bell who have been sought for some time on the charge of adultery. Mrs. Bell lived in Roxbury and Hurlburd was her star boarder until he and she disappeared at about the same time, the three Bell children also showing up missing when their father, Joseph Bell, looked for them. That was two months ago, and State's Attorney Gates has been looking for the two ever since. They were finally located at Manchester and held by the police there.

Mr. Bell isn't so anxious about prosecuting them as he is to get his children back. His team, with which the couple are alleged to have eloped, was also recovered by him shortly afterwards, it being found in Orange county.

## UP 4,000 FEET.

Successful Balloon Ascent by North Adams Man.

North Adams, Mass., April 29.—A. Holland Forbes and Clifford Harmon, who ascended in the balloon North Adams No. 1, have wired that they landed at Watourouy, Conn., at 7:40 this morning. They maintained an altitude of 4,000 feet and used only three bags of ballast.

LONG CONFERENCE  
ON RIVER PROJECT

Two Hours This Forenoon and Discussion Was Resumed This Afternoon—The Situation at Present.

The city council, the committee from the shutters, A. E. Sortwell of Cambridge, Mass., and Harry C. Shurtless, attorney, representing the Barre railroad, the city engineer, the engineer for the railroad and others met in the city council chamber at 10 o'clock this morning and for two hours discussed the problem of changing the river bed. At 12 o'clock Alderman Alexander moved that the council adjourn until 2, for an hour's consideration of the matter by themselves, and at 3 meet the shutters and others again.

When adjournment was taken, the principal matter now in dispute, that of the roadway, had simmered down to about this proposition: The roadway to run to the rear of the Gordon block and stop short, the city to reduce the sum it would put into it accordingly, and the railroad to make up the difference. The council took up this for consideration when it met at 2 o'clock.

## SUPT. CHILDS RESIGNS.

And George J. Seager of Spaulding High to Superintend Barre Town Schools.

A change has been made in the superintendency of the public schools in Barre Town. J. R. Childs, who has held the position for two years, having resigned and being succeeded by George J. Seager who is at present an instructor in Spaulding high school. Mr. Childs' resignation takes effect on July 1, and the new superintendency will be ready to assume his new duties at that time. Mr. Seager is a graduate of Dartmouth college and has been engaged in teaching in Spaulding high school for the past three years.

He will find that his predecessor has done good work in securing uniformity in the books and the equipment of the various schools in the district, as when Mr. Childs went there the schools were using almost as many kinds of books as there were schools. There are 26 schools in the district which Mr. Seager will have.

Mr. Childs has had the schools of the Town and Williamstown in his jurisdiction as the two communities joined together in a "school unit" and had the same superintendent; but it was almost a physical impossibility for one man to cover the 44 schools and do justice to them. Hence it was thought advisable to separate the two towns. This separation would have left Barre Town just outside the chance to have its own superintendent had not the last legislature reduced the number of schools in a "unit" from thirty to twenty-five. Barre Town having twenty-six came within the requirement, and is, therefore, entitled to its superintendent and get the school of the school as the district is widely scattered. The salary of the superintendent under the state law is \$1,250, and generally the superintendent has to keep a team to get about his district.

## CHARGE DISMISSED.

John Gallagher Not Held on Liquor Keeping Case in City Court.

The liquor keeping charge against John Gallagher was dismissed in the city court this morning for lack of evidence to warrant holding the respondent for county court. Officers George L. Morris and George Carle testified to making the raid last Saturday afternoon. They said that when they went to the door of Gallagher's room in the Bolster block they found the door locked, but Mr. Gallagher opened it after they had knocked twice. On entering they found in the room bottles of the respondent B. H. Griffith and William Smeaton.

A bottle of whiskey, partly full, was found in the front room and while the officers were looking around further they said Gallagher slipped around behind them and, grabbing the bottle of whiskey from the table, threw it out of the window into the river at the rear of the block. Smeaton and Griffith were called to the stand and swore that they never bought any liquor in the respondent's room or even saw any there. Will H. Abbott also stated on the stand that he had been in the respondent's room many times, but he had never got any liquor there. This finished the evidence that the grand jury had. Mr. M. M. Gordon, attorney for the respondent, then asked the court to discharge his client which was done.

## HOUGHTON-ADAMS.

Wedding at the Home of the Bride in South Barre Yesterday.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Adams, in South Barre, occurred the marriage yesterday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock of Miss Ida V. Adams to Arthur L. Houghton of Cabot who is now a resident of Sherborn, Mass. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. E. O. Thayer of the Hedding Methodist church of this city, and the couple were attended by the sister and the brother of the bride, Helen and Charles Adams. The bride's gown was London smoke-gray silk, and she carried a bouquet of white flowers.

Only the relatives were present at the marriage but afterwards an informal reception was held and the friends extended their congratulations. There were many beautiful wedding gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Houghton left last night for a wedding trip, after which they will go to Sherborn to make their home. The groom is a farmer by occupation.

## A Former Pastor Speaks.

The Rev. Mr. MacIntyre, the next speaker, declared that the opportunities in the future for Canada are fast beginning to be noticed by the whole world.

CANADA IS  
OUR BROTHERSentiment That Prevailed at  
Canadian Club Banquet

## 250 MEN ATTENDED AFFAIR

A Fine Evening in Which the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes Were Brought Closely Together.

In point of numbers present, a delightful banquet and the elaborate program of interesting speeches, songs and recitations, the first annual banquet of the Canadian club (Barre's "new baby" as it was styled) in Woodmen hall last evening was a grand success and made an opening most auspicious for continued growth and prosperity of this club which was organized last winter. Seated at the tables which were arranged around the hall and in the center were nearly 250 men who were royally entertained from eight until nearly midnight.

The banquet was furnished and nicely served by the local aid society of the Congregational church. The menu was as follows:

Roast beef	Brown gravy	Roast pork
Riced potatoes	Creamed beets	Pickles
Domestic salad	Hot rolls	Caramel ice cream
Dutch cheese	American cheese	Assorted cake

While the banquet was being served an enjoyable concert was rendered by the speakers who took part in the post prandial program were S. Hollister Jackson, M. M. Gordon the toastmaster of the evening, John M. Masters, a former president of the Canadian club in Boston, the Rev. W. C. MacIntyre of Ogdensburg, N. Y., the Rev. W. Parkyn Jackson of St. Albans, the Rev. P. M. McKenna, the Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, City Clerk James Mackay, Donald Smith, president of the club, and A. W. Allen.

Interpersed with the speaking were very pleasing songs by William Robertson and James Cantlon, and Dr. F. M. Lynde gave a Canadian diatribe reading that won enthusiastic applause.

After the cigars had been passed at the close of the supper S. Hollister Jackson rapped for order and stated that he had been asked to do something for somebody else, and that was to make an address of welcome in behalf of the president of the Canadian club, "Barre's new baby." After extending to the large number of guests the "Canadian wholehearted greeting," he introduced Mr. M. M. Gordon as the toastmaster.

In brief remarks the toastmaster expressed his pleasure at being chosen to preside over the first banquet of the club, a club which has for its object the befriending of the lives of others. Later in the evening Mr. Gordon stated that it was the desire of the club to become the best one in the city and that in a short time they would have club rooms for their members to assemble in for social enjoyment. William Robertson was then called upon for a song and responded by singing in a very pleasing voice the national hymn of Canada and was obliged to respond to an encore.

Mr. Masters of Boston was the first speaker called upon by the toastmaster, and he gave his hearers an interesting account of what the Canadian clubs in this country are doing and can do in the future. He said that he was very much surprised to learn a few days ago that there was a Canadian club in Vermont, and he had accepted the invitation to come here with pleasure. Canadian clubs, which are continually being formed in the cities throughout this country, are attracting a good deal of attention, he said, because they are the means of bringing into the states noted men of Canada to give addresses and thereby give the people here a chance to learn about Canada better than any other way.

The first Canadian club was formed in Chicago fifteen years ago and the next one was in Boston, and they are fast being organized in the different cities all over this country and Canada. These clubs, he declared, stimulate in its members an added interest in their native land, and the man who thinks and speaks well of his native country always makes a better citizen wherever he is.

There are no people, he asserted, who assimilated sooner or became better citizens, than the Canadians who come to the United States. "There is a total of 682,000 Canadians in the six New England states, 292,000 in Massachusetts and 50,000 in Boston, not including greater Boston, which goes to show that the Canadians constitute a large factor in the population of that city."

"The Canadian clubs can do a great deal towards smoothing over the different trade relations with Canada. Canada is the greatest market of the United States and though there are doubt the duties on goods coming from Canada than on our exports, Canada still trades with this country more than any other. The Payne tariff bill now in Congress is not a reciprocity measure as far as Canada is concerned. The maximum tariff will be charged against Canada the same as before, because that government gives a preferential tariff on goods imported from the old country and the West Indies which is lower than the tariff on goods from the United States."

"The Canadian people are but a little different than their neighbors across the line. Some of the brightest men in the states came from the provinces and vice versa. The maritime provinces were first settled by the early inhabitants of the New England states, and the New England spirit still permeates them, and they are as interested today in the happenings in this country as we are."

## PRIZES AWARDED.

Shamrocks Won Championship of City Candle Pin League.

The City candle pin league celebrated the close of a successful season last evening with a banquet at the Hatheway hotel which a majority of the members of the league attended. The members of the various teams, both winners and losers, top notchers and tail enders, were in the spirit for a good time and the feasting and jollity continued until after midnight.

Tom Parker acted as toastmaster and presented the cups which had been awarded to the winners. A handsome silver cup for the high average was won by James T. Kenek, who finished the season with an average of 93.727. A silver cup for the second high average was won by Ben Gilroy, who finished the season with an average of 87. The prize for the high single, also a silver cup, was won by William B. Marston, who knocked down 126 of the little pins in a single string. The cup for the high three string total was won by Timothy Kenek, who made 276.

Each of the members of the Shamrocks, the winning team, was presented a handsome silver stick pin in the form of crossed candle pins and a ball. Each of the members responded fittingly as the prizes were awarded and remarks were made by A. H. Buzzell and others of the party.

The standing of the teams at the close of the season was as follows:

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and Lord Strathcona has said that the 20th century is Canada's. "Its vast expanse of country in the Northwest is developing into a great mining and wheat growing country that is destined in the near future to become the granary of the world. I am always glad to see the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes blended together as I see them here to-night on the walls of this hall. We are becoming united in blood and common sympathies, and on national lines. And why should it not be so? Canada has contributed to this country men of great intellects and men of wonderful business ability have come into Canada from here. We are beginning to realize that the interests of humanity are of greater importance than the interests of any country and this spirit of democracy in which America has taken the first steps is going to surround the whole world."

Other things of equal interest were said of Canada and of its people by the remaining speakers, and it was 11:30 o'clock before the last one had finished and the delightful occasion came to an end with the singing of America. The committee of the club which had charge of the arrangements for the banquet was composed of M. M. Gordon, John M. McDonald and S. Hollister Jackson.

LADIES ENTERTAINED  
BY BROTHERHOOD

Men Proved Capable Hosts Although Made the Butts of Good-natured Gibes.

The first ladies' night and banquet, which is to be made an annual event, was held at the very old Hedding Methodist church last evening by the Brotherhood of St. Paul. Many of the ladies took advantage of the invitation, and about one hundred were present in all. The supper consisted of a fish chowder and the necessary adjuncts going to make up an appetizing meal. For the supper men, women and guests were thankful to John Scowles, who went to Alburgh, caught the fish, brought them home and prepared the chowder himself.

At the conclusion of the supper, the president of the club, E. J. Sowden, who acted as toastmaster, made a brief address and then called for the toast, "The Brotherhood," to which Rev. E. O. Thayer responded in a fitting manner. Next came the welcome to the ladies by J. C. Hawley, who made the members of the fair sex welcome in a few well chosen remarks. Mrs. D. J. Morse responded on behalf of the ladies, thanking the members of the Brotherhood for the invitation and entertainment and incidentally making some thrusts at the frailties of the men.

The toast, "The Ladies and the Law," was responded to by E. R. Davis. Mr. Davis said that he knew of no law which prevented women practicing the legal profession in Vermont, so far as he knew of only one woman lawyer in the state. He said that there were many successful women lawyers in other states, but he thought that woman was better fitted to be a judge than an advocate. In closing he said that character was a chief asset of the lawyer and that the character of some of the giants of the legal profession was well remembered.

Dr. J. Morse responded to the toast, "Dry goods in the pulpit and in the store," in a witty manner. "What is a difficulty?" was answered by Emory Newhall.

On "The Model Man," Miss Josephine Sloum, the deaconess connected with the work of the Hedding church, gave a witty address in which some of the weak points of the lords of creation were held to light in a manner that caused many hearty laughs.

"Some Granite Qualities in Man" were alluded to by Albert Abbott.

The toast, "The soul,—not where it lives but where it loves," was answered by C. S. Andrews, who gave an address on both souls and souls.

The toasts were concluded by remarks from A. C. Freeman on the "Cream of Things." Next came a debate, the subject being, "Resolved, that the signs of the times indicate the downfall of this republic." F. L. Page and A. A. Boyce spoke on the affirmative side and the question and John Bishop and A. C. Freeman took the negative. Owing to the lateness of the hour when the debate was finished it was decided to leave the decision as to the winners until another occasion.

At the conclusion of the debate the brotherhood held a short business session to enable the ladies to judge as to the manner of conducting their deliberations. Six new members were voted into membership. Selections were given in a creditable manner during the evening by the Hedding male chorus of 11 voices.

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RESERVOIRVoted by Citizens at Special  
Meeting Last Night

## CAPACITY 42,000,000 GAL.

City Also Appropriates for Schoolhouse Site and Playground in Vicinity of Camp Street—Officials Get Same Salary.

Three important steps were taken by the citizens of Barre at their special meeting in the opera house last night; (first) to authorize the construction of a large storage reservoir for city water on the Orange brook supply, (second) to authorize the purchase of a school playground near Camp street, and (third) to authorize the purchase of a site for a new schoolhouse in the same district.

In addition, the citizens voted the same salaries for city officials as last year, and ordered some bills contracted by the city with H. F. Cutler and A. B. Lane, when they were alderman and auditor respectively, to be paid, although the bills were contracted in violation of the city charter. The correctness of the bills was not questioned.

This business was transacted by about a hundred citizens, presided over by James F. Higgins as moderator and James Mackay as clerk, in about two hours' time, during which there was a great many participating. There were a dozen articles in the warning, covering a wide range.

Salaries were first fixed. The mayor will be paid \$250 per annum, the city clerk and city treasurer \$450 and fees, while the aldermen and auditors will receive thirty cents an hour and the assessors \$3.50 per diem for actual time spent.

The contract bill of H. F. Cutler was for team hire while he was alderman, and A. B. Lane's was for carpenter work on the No. 2 fire station, when he was auditor. It was explained last night that the bills had been approved as correct by the finance committee and the city council but that Mayor Robbins wanted the sanction of the citizens before signing the warrants to pay them, inasmuch as the bill were contracted before his term of office. Cutler's was for \$80 and Lane's for \$170. This sanction the citizens gave after the matter had been explained by several, among whom was City